

# FALSIFICATION



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# DISCLAIMER:

- This training is not an indictment of the mammography industry. The mammography industry is made up of hard-working caring professionals.

# !!! WARNING !!!

Hard-working and  
caring professionals  
may fall victim to  
poor judgement.



# What is Falsification?

TITLE 18 -USC Sec. 1001 :

...whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully -

(1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

(2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or

(3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry



# What are we talking about here?

Mammography facility personnel providing false QC/QA records, personnel records, or accreditation information in order to maintain certification, accreditation or employment.

# What is the potential Impact on one's career



- May result in suspension, revocation of ARRT certification, and limit ability to work in the medical field.
- May Result in Loss of employment.
- May result in felony or misdemeanor conviction, resulting in fines, probation and even prison time.

# Who falsifies MQSA Records and Why?



- Overworked personnel
- Perfectionists
- History of violations
- Majority are one person QC programs
- Pressure from management
- Fear loss of employment
- Don't believe they will get caught.
- Don't believe QC is important.

# How does falsification come to our attention?

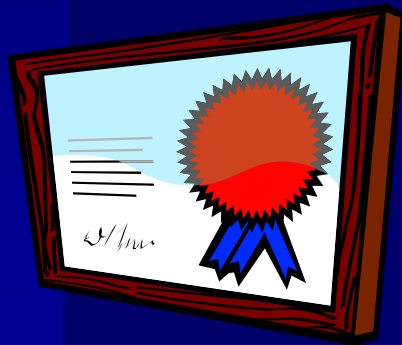
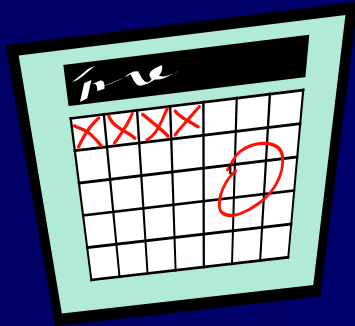
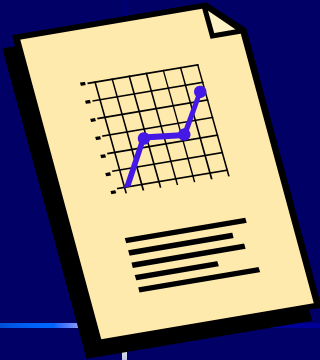


- Former employees
- Competitors
- Accreditation Bodies
- Anonymous tips
- Inspectors





# QC/QA RECORDS MOST OFTEN FALSIFIED



DAILY PROCESSOR STRIPS  
PROCESSOR CHARTS  
PHANTOM IMAGE FILMS  
PHANTOM IMAGE CHARTS  
ACCREDITATION MATERIALS  
FALSE CERTIFICATES  
CREDENTIALS

# Top Reasons Given



1. I left the records at home and the house is locked.
2. I dropped the films and mixed the practice ones with the real ones.
3. I spilt Coke on the films and threw them away.
4. That's my handwriting, but I didn't do it.
5. Gee, I don't know how that happened.
6. We thought everything had to be filled in for our inspection.
7. My dog ate the QC films.

# HOW DOES FDA DETERMINE RECORDS ARE FALSIFIED?

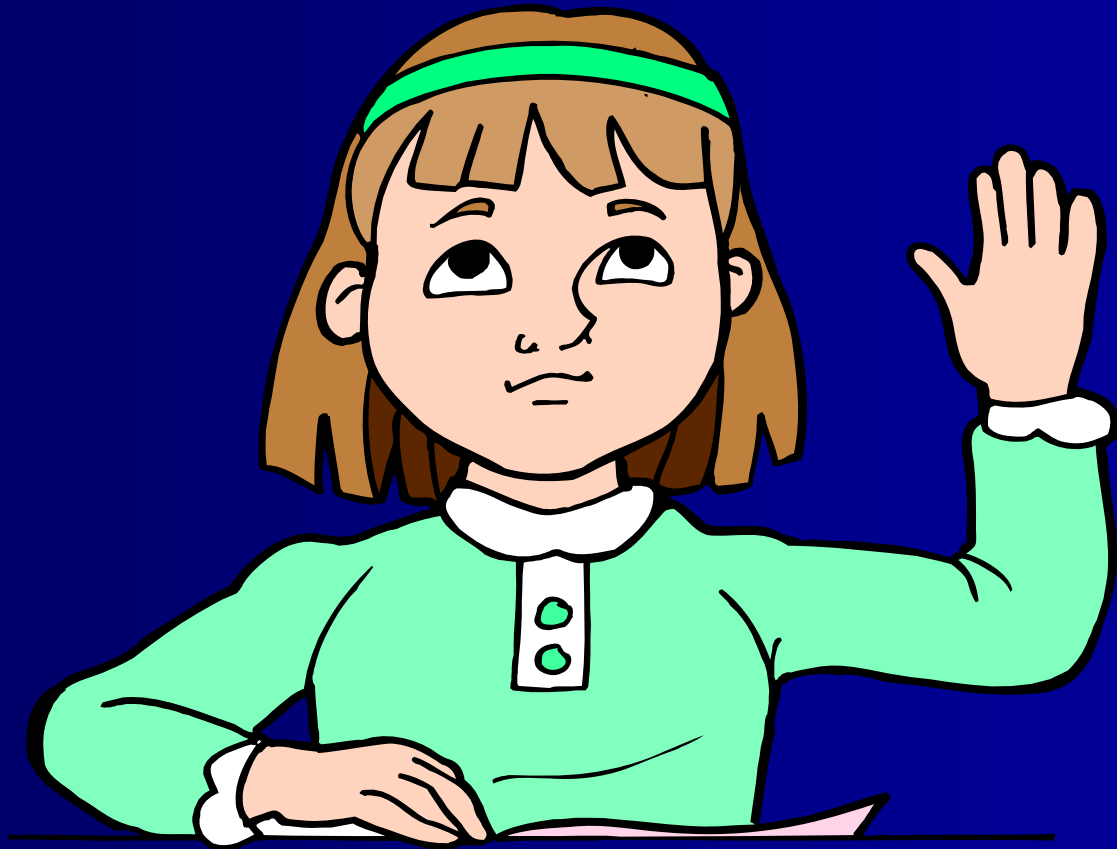


# Case Histories



**WE CAN'T TELL YOU!**

# Questions and Answers... maybe?



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